

SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR SERVING ONE SET OF CACHED DATA FOR DIFFERING DATA REQUESTS

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ABSTRACT

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A system and method for enabling a cache system, operating on behalf of a data server (e.g., web server, application server, database server), to serve one set of data in response to multiple requests that differ in content or form. In particular, the requests may include different session identifiers for identifying different users, clients or sessions, but they target the same basic set of data (e.g., a web page). When a set of data is cached in response to a request having one session identifier, it can also be served in response to another request having a second session identifier because the session identifiers are deleted, masked, replaced or otherwise ignored when searching the cache system for data responsive to the second request. Also, the cache system may include a requestor's session identifier as part of a data identifier (e.g., URI, hyperlink) within data served to the requestor.

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